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CARGO HANDLING
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) has not been able to handle cargo as targeted in terms of liquid and general cargo;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons for the shortfall;

(c) whether the bottlenecks have been identified;

(d) if so, the major hurdles being faced by the Port Trust in meeting targets; and

(e) the steps taken by JNPT to meet the cargo targets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. The details of cargo handled vis-a-vis target for the financial year 2001-02 and the current year 2002-03 are given below:

Year	Cargo	Target (MT)	Achieved (MT)	Shortfall (MT)
2001-02	Liquid	3,338,000	2,846,753	491,247
	General Cargo	812,000	794,043	17,957
2002-03	Liquid	879,000	875,569	3,431
(April to June, 2002)	General Cargo	345,000	175,969	169,031

The decrease in handling of cargo is mainly due to change in Government Policy for import of fertilizer and raw material, self reliance in fertilizer production resulting in sharp fall in fertilizers import, development of domestic fertilizer industries resulting in sharp dip in import of fertilizers and fertilizers raw material, decanalization enabling use of smaller vessels through minor ports located closer to fertilizer plant sites, development of captive jetties in and around JNPT etc.

The continuous declining trend in dry bulk traffic has resulted in underutilization of mechanized bulk handling plant. Accordingly, the port has decided to convert bulk terminal into Container Terminal. The liquid cargo and general cargo will be mainly handled at two liquid berths constructed by M/s BPCL on B.O.T. basis and new shallow draught berth & Port craft berth constructed by JNPT.